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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO MUGABE

Classified By: Ambassador Charles A. Ray for reasons 1.4 (b) & (d).

¶1. (SBU) Ambassador Ray presented his credentials to President Robert Mugabe today. The Ambassador was the fourth of four ambassadors to do so.  
¶2. (SBU) As customary, Mugabe immediately launched into his "history lesson," beginning with the revolutionary struggle for one man, one vote,  
¶3. (SBU) Mugabe averred that Zimbabwe was democratic. Like anywhere, there may have been incidents of police misconduct, but there was no poli  
¶4. (SBU) During a pause in the monologue, Ambassador Ray broke in. He noted the spirit of friendship which had been extended to him by Zimbabwe  
¶5. (SBU) Mugabe responded that he would not visit "the sins" of the Ambassador's predecessors on the Ambassador. He hoped the Ambassador was e

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COMMENT

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¶6. (C) Mugabe appears unchanged from several conversations we have had with him over the last couple of years. He is fixated on land reform ar  
RAY